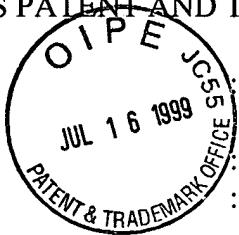


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
James W. Nichol

Serial No.: 09/106,841  
Filed: 06/30/98

For: ANGLED GRIPPING JOINT COMBINATION FOR SUPPORT STRUCTURES



July 15, 1999

Group Art Unit: 3600  
Examiner: Richard M. Smith

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Outstanding Office Action Mailed: 03/18/99

Original period for response expired: 06/18/99

Request for extension of 1 month to: 07/18/99

Small Entity Petition Fee Enclosed: \$55 for 1 months

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the above-noted application, applicant respectfully petitions that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action and the above Petition Fee (Small Entity) are enclosed herewith. (This extension will not extend the time over the statutory period of six months from the date of the Office Action.)

Very Respectfully,  
Applicant

James W. Nicol



Enclosures: Amendment in response to the Office Action

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